

Appl. No. 09/881,360
Amdt. dated February 9, 2005
Reply to Office Action of December 3, 2004

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amendments

The claims are modified in the amendment. More specifically, claims 1, 7 and 13 have been amended, claims 4, 10 and 19 have been cancelled, and no new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 1, 7 and 13 are present for examination. Applicant reserves the right to pursue any canceled claims in a continuing application without any prejudicial effect. No new matter is added by these amendments, which are fully supported by the specification. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation that in the Office Action claims 4, 10 and 19 are allowable if rewritten in independent form. The above amendment does exactly that.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is urged. Reconsideration of the claims in their current form is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,

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